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(f) Processing	-	(i) Subsidy of Rs.1.00 of lakh (or 25% of the capital cost of plant & machinery for coconut processing. (ii) Subsidy of 50% or Rs.35.000/-maximum for setting up laboratory unit for introducing Agmark Standard in Dessicated coconut. (iii) Subsidy of Rs.5000/- maximum or 25% of the cost of plant & machinery to atisans for handicraft making based on various parts of the coconut palm. (iv) Loan of Rs.1.00 lakh for purchase of expeller unit and accessories to rotary and single expeller units at concessional rate of interest of 10.5%. (v) Subsidy of 50% of the cost or Rs.10.000/- to coconut farmers for introducing improved copra dryers

Construction of Hospital at Bhopal

1565 SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state

(a) the present position of construction of the hospital in Bhopal as per the direction of the Supreme Court in Union Cabrbide Gas Tradedy.

(b) the total estimated expenditure, the expenditure incurred so far and the actual amount likely to be required for completion of the Hospital

(c) the latest postion regarding attaching the shares of Union Carbide for meeting out expenditure of the Hospital

(d) whether the amount so realised wil be sufficient to meet out the expenditture and if not the manner is which the Government propose to provide the balance amount; and

(e) whether Government propose to fix the responsibility for not undertaking the construction even after laying the foundation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SHEES RAM OLA) : (a) to (e) The construction of 260 bedded hospital at Bhopal which was started in September, 1995 is in progress aand according to the schedule is to be completed by November, 1997. The project is being financed by the funds made available from the sale of shares of Union Carbide to the Bhopal Hospital Trust in accordance with the orders of the Supreme Court. Amount of Rs. 117 crores is available for the construction equipping and maintenance of the facilities for a period of 8 years after its completion.

Protection to Agriculture Sector

1566 SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether contribution of the agriculture sector to gross domestic product is higher than the contribution of the organised manufacturing sector;

(b) if so, whether the indsutrial sector of the country enjoys some measure of protection whereas the agriculture sector is denied of any protection;

(c) if so, the reasons for the neglect of agriculture since the last several years, and

(d) the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir. As per latest the estimates of the Central Statistical Orgainisation (CSO) for the year 1994-95 the share of agriculture to the gross domestic product at 1980-81 prices was 29.4 per cent compared to 12.5 per cent of the registered manufacturing sector.

(b) Both the agriculture and industrial sectors enjoy certain trade protections, concessions, subsidies and other incentives for their promotion.

(c) Does ot arise.

(d) Agriculture sector is being given adequate attention through developmental programmes as well as remunerative prices through the Minimum Support Prices. In the past few years, most of the restrictions on internal and external trade in agricultural products have been removed. Quantitive ceilings and Minimum Export price for most of the agricultural products have been abolished. Recently, the Government have also substantially enahanced the rates o subsidy for phosphatic and postassic fertilizers.

Wagon Manufacturing

1567 SHRI RAMESH CNENNITHALA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to involve private sector into the wagon manufacturing, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) The private Sector is already involved in wagon manufacturing.

(b) Following Private Sector units are regularly manufacturing wagons.

1. M/s Cimmco Birla Limited./Bharatpur
2. M/s Texmaco Limited./Calcutta
3. M/s Hindustan General Industries Limited. Nangloi, Delhi.
4. M/s Modern Industries/Sahihabad. Ghaziabad.
5. M/s Hidustan Development Corporation, Limited. Calcutta.

In addition, following Private Sector Units are at developmental Stage

1. M/s Binny. Madras.
2. M/s Shri Ranga. Coimbatore
3. M/s BESCO. Calcutta.
4. M/s Titagrah Steel. Caltutta.

Indian Citizens in Indian Enclaves

1568. SHRI AMAR RAY PRADHAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether the National Human Rights Commission. New Delhi was considering the Case of Indian citizens in the Indian Enclaves within the territory of Bangladesh.

(b) if so, since when and the final outcome of the case;

(c) whether any report has been submitted to the Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c). In a complaint dated 3 June, 1995 Shri Amar Roy Pradhan, Member of Parliament brought to the notice of the National Human Rights Commission problems of Indian citizens residing in Indian Enclaves in Bangaladesh Since the problem concern various Ministries of the Government of India, the Commission took up the matter with all concerned The Commission recommended to the Government of India that the Enclaves of the respective countries be made over to them and boundary be clearly delineated

(d) The recommendation of the Commission is under consideration

Capacity utilization by Fertilizers Units

1569. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether in a major policy initiative to reduce the fertilizer subsidy, the Government are planning to put a cap on the capital expenditure, which fertilizers units claim from the government under the retention price scheme;

(b) if so, whether the Government have also strictly monitored production levels at the plants to prevent manufacturers from artificially inflating their capacity utilisation;

(c) whether the Goernment plans to soften the blow by increasing the rate of return on equity from 12 per cent to 16 per cent so as to bring the fertilizer manufacturers at par with their counterparts in the power sector; and

(d) if so the time by which the same is likely to be decided finally?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SHEES RAM OLA) : (a) to (d). No such decision has been taken.

Alleged Bungling in Freight Computerisation

1570. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT :
SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Rs.121 cr. bungling in Railway Ministry" as reported in Pioneer, dated June 3, 1996;

(b) if so, whether a panel of experts have urged the Government for immediate scutting of a freight computerisation project;

(c) whether the Government have ordered probe into the scandal, and

(d) if so the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir The Committee of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) has after undertaking a study of the software of the Freight Operations Information System (FOIS) under trail in Delhi Area submittted its report indentifying the causes of the problems and deficiencies in the software and has made certain short-turm and long-term recommendations so that a workable and useful system becomes available. The Committee has not suggested or implied any 'scuttling' or abandonment of the project nor has it imputed any motives to the officials concerned, which may call for a probe, as has been reported in the news items. The report is under consideration and necessary decisions would be taken shortly.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.